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### **HORNE ANNOUNCES THE “GREAT ARIZONA TEACH-IN” TO ADDRESS SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR MORE HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

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PHOENIX (Wednesday, April 05, 2006) -- State schools superintendent Tom Horne today announced the First Annual “Great Arizona Teach-In” at the Phoenix Convention Center on Tuesday, April 11, from 12 Noon to 8 PM, to highlight efforts to bring more education professionals to Arizona.

Horne stated, “I have made it one of my top priorities to attract and retain more highly qualified teachers to Arizona. Quantity promotes quality because it gives more choices to schools. I will also continue to passionately work for higher teacher pay, as evidenced by my support for legislation to give teachers a \$2500 across-the-board pay raise – a bill that unanimously passed the House K-12 Education Committee recently – as well as instituting the discipline initiative that empowers teachers to have more control over their classrooms. The ‘Great Arizona Teach-In’ supplements efforts to attract more highly qualified teachers to Arizona.”

At the Teach-In, schools from around the state will be conducting interviews to obtain the best and brightest to serve Arizona students. A resource room will feature information on a wide array of education career employment issues (finger printing, certification, investigations, etc.) and participants will be able to obtain comprehensive information, all under one roof.

In the exhibition area, Arizona colleges and universities will be on hand to provide information on programs and resources for participants. Schools from around the state will provide information on career opportunities, and vendors will have the opportunity to promote products to assist educators with providing quality instruction. During the Teach-In, workshops will be conducted on a variety of education related topics, designed to provide contemporary information for current and future education professionals.

More information is available at this web address: <http://www.teachinaz.com/ecf.html>

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